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SUBJ: COUNTERCURRENT PICKING UP AS MOVEMENT BECALMED

1. WITH THE MOVEMENT LANGUISHING IN A BACKWATER OF INACTIVITY, THERE ARE SIGNS THAT SOME PROVINCIAL PARTY LEADERSHIP ORGANS MAY BE TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET IN A FEW LICKS OF THEIR OWN TO REASSERT PARTY CONTROL. BUILDING ON THE JULY 1 PARTY DAY EDITORIAL, SEVERAL RECENT BROADCASTS FROM THE PROVINCES HAVE BEEN SPELLING OUT THE DETAILS OF THE PARTY'S OVERALL LEADERSHIP ROLE. A HUNAN BROADCAST HAS GONE FURTHER, POINTEDLY CRITICIZING THE NEWBORN THING OF THE CURRENT MOVEMENT-- THE TRIPLE COMBINATION COMMITTEE-- BY SAYING "JOINT MEETINGS OF VARIOUS SIDES CANNOT REPLACE THE PARTY COMMITTEE'S LEADERSHIP". (AUGUST 28). THE BROADCAST POINTED OUT THAT THE QUESTION OF THE PARTY EXERCISING LEADERSHIP IN EVERYTHING AS A PARTY OF WANG HUNG-ENG'S REPORT TO THE TENTH CONGRESS AND OF GREAT CONCERN TO CHAIRMAN MAO. (IN FACT, THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISPARAGING COMMENT ABOUT " JOINT MEETINGS" IS ITSELF A

PARAPHRASE OF WANG'S OWN LANGUAGE AT THE CONGRESS).

2. COMMENT. ALTHOUGHT WE ARE NOW SEEING ONLY SOME ISOLATED COMMENTS IN PROVINCIAL MEDIA, THE CURRENT STRESS TO KEEP THE STRUGGLE OVER LINE AND IDEOLOGY WITHIN PARTY COMMITTEES COULD BE AN EARLY INDICATOR OF AN ATTEMPT BY LOCAL PARTY LEADERS TO REGAIN THE UPPERHAND NOW THAT THE MOVEMENT SEEMS TO BE TAILING OFF INTO STUDY AND PRACTICAL PROBLEM SOLVING.
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